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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 1/11/2006, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the holding of finality and requests continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant also requests that the application be reconsidered in light of the remarks herein in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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